MULTIPLE SHOOTERS - MOVING TARGET Bel Air, Md. May 19 and 20, 1967 H.P. White Lab. range

Shooters and results:

1. Al Sherman, Maryland State Trooper
5.0 seconds - 2 hits in silhouette, 1 low
6.0 " - 2 hits, 1 high (1st 2 shots in 2.2 seconds)
— no time; jammed at third cartridge
5.2 seconds - 1 hit, two low
5.0 seconds - 1 hit, 2 upper left

2. Ron George, Maryland State Trooper
— no time: jammed after 2nd shot; 3rd fired very late
— no time: 3rd bullet jammed
4.9 seconds - 2 hits, 1 upper right

3. John Concini, Maryland State Trooper
— 6.1 seconds - not sure of hits
5.4 seconds - 1 hit, 2 just low

4. Howard Donahue, weapons engineer
— no time - second bullet jammed (bolt too quick)
— no time - jam after 1st shot (again too quick)
5.2 seconds - 3 hits grouped in head area (BEST TAKEN)

5. Wm. Fitchett, sporting goods dealer
6.5 seconds - 3 borderline hits, low & left
6.0 seconds - 1 hit, 2 low
6.1 seconds - not sure of hits

6. Somerset Fitchett, sportsman
— no time - jammed at 3rd bullet
5.9 seconds - 2 hits, 1 wide left
5.5 seconds - 2 hits, one low

7. John Bollendorf, ballistics technician
6.8 seconds - 2 hits, 1 low left
—no time - jam after 2nd shot
—no time - jam again
6.5 seconds - 1 hit, 2 near misses upper left

8. Douglas Rasmore, ex-paratrooper (wounded in Vietnam)
—no time, unused to bolt action; too stiff
—no time, unable to work bolt fast enough
—no time, simply too stiff for him
—no time, 2 shots in 5 seconds; 3 in 9

9. Earl Holman, H.P. White employee
—no time, jammed after 1 shot
—no time, jammed
5.4 seconds - tight group high right in blue

10. Sid Price, H.P. White employee
5.9 seconds - 1 hit, 1 blue, 1 nowhere
4.3 seconds - not sure if any hits
—no time, jam after 2nd shot
4.1 seconds - 1 hit, 2 complete misses (off blue) (FASTEST TIME)

11. Charles Hamby, H.P.White employee
—no time, jammed
—no time, jammed
6.5 seconds - 2 near misses, 1 nowhere

SUMMARY:

These riflemen used various techniques; some took the rifle off their shoulder more than others. No one liked the scope.

Out of 37 attempts to fire 3 shots at the moving target, only 20 record times were taken. In the other 17 cases, either a bullet jammed in the bolt-cycling process, for no time whatsoever, or the bulky bolt slowed him up so much that the target completed its run before the rifleman would get off his third shot.

The average time, out of 20 recorded attempts, was 5.6 seconds.

Fastest was 4.1; slowest, 6.8. Times are approximate; we can get them down to hundredths of a second if desired when applying superimposed timer.

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